AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1.   (Currently Amended) A medal keeping and paying system comprising:___

_____ at least one ~~a~~ medal keeping and paying <u>server</u> apparatus, the medal keeping and paying <u>server</u> apparatus comprising,

medal keeping means for counting and keeping ~~an~~ <u>at least one</u> input medal,

medal paying means for paying ~~a~~ <u>the at least one</u> medal if a payment signal is input,

right person information inputting means for inputting right person peculiar information for identifying a right person such as physical information to authenticate the right person,

operation information storing means for storing <u>at least</u> count information of at least the medal keeping means,

right person information storing means in which the right person peculiar information for identifying the right person such as the physical information to authenticate the right person is previously stored,

a memory for temporarily keeping information which is being processed such as the count information of the medal keeping means, and
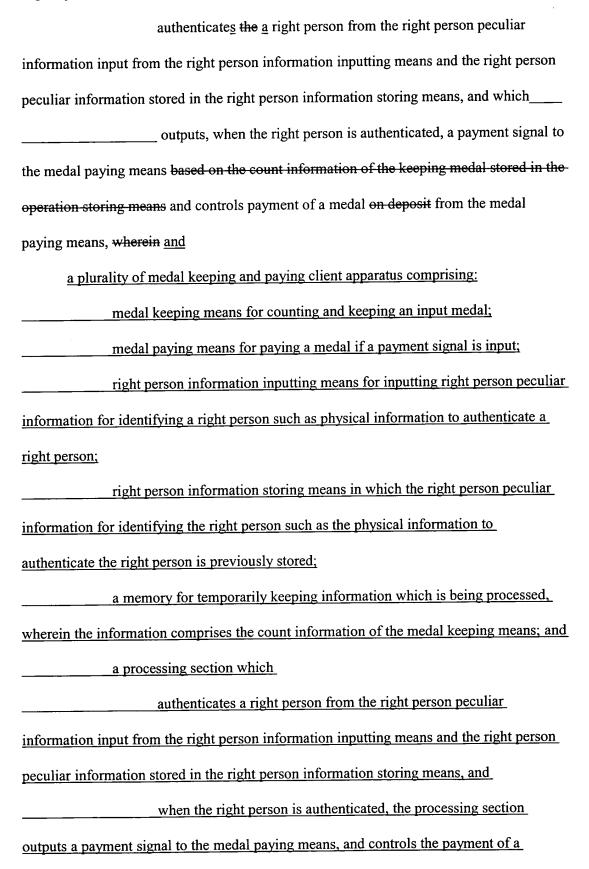
a processing section which

authenticates ~~the~~ a right person from the right person peculiar

information input from the right person information inputting means and the right person

peculiar information stored in the right person information storing means, and which_____

_____ outputs, when the right person is authenticated, a payment signal to

the medal paying means ~~based on the count information of the keeping medal stored in the~~

~~operation storing means~~ and controls payment of a medal ~~on deposit~~ from the medal

paying means, ~~wherein~~ and

a plurality of medal keeping and paying client apparatus comprising:

_____ medal keeping means for counting and keeping an input medal;

_____ medal paying means for paying a medal if a payment signal is input;

_____ right person information inputting means for inputting right person peculiar

information for identifying a right person such as physical information to authenticate a

right person;

_____ right person information storing means in which the right person peculiar

information for identifying the right person such as the physical information to

authenticate the right person is previously stored;

_____ a memory for temporarily keeping information which is being processed,

wherein the information comprises the count information of the medal keeping means; and

_____ a processing section which

_____ authenticates a right person from the right person peculiar

information input from the right person information inputting means and the right person

peculiar information stored in the right person information storing means, and

_____ when the right person is authenticated, the processing section

outputs a payment signal to the medal paying means, and controls the payment of a

plurality of medals from the medal paying means, wherein each of the processing sections of the medal keeping and paying server apparatus and each of the plurality of medal keeping and paying client apparatus include a network interface, and the processing sections cooperate to connect between the medal keeping and paying server apparatus and each of the plurality of medal keeping and paying client apparatus through a network, and

the processing section of the plurality of the medal keeping and paying client apparatus is enabled to input at least the count information of the medal keeping means and the right person authorization information in each of the plurality of the medal keeping and paying client apparatus to the operation information storing means of the medal keeping and paying server apparatus through the network interface to store and renew the information, and is enabled to access the operation information storing means through the network interface to output the payment signal based on the count information of at least one medal stored in the operation information storing means, and

the processing section ~~includes a network interface, and inputs, stores, and renews~~ of the server medal keeping and paying apparatus is also enabled to input at least the count information of at least the medal keeping means and right person authorization information in the medal keeping and paying server apparatus to the operation information storing means of the medal keeping and paying server apparatus through the network interface to store and renew the information, and the processing section ~~can~~ is enabled to access the operation information storing means through the network interface to output the payment signal based on the count information of the at least one medal stored in the operation information storing means.

      2.   Withdrawn

3.   (Original)

4.   Withdrawn

5.   (Original)

6.   Withdrawn

7.   (Original)

8.   Withdrawn

9.   (Original)

10.   Withdrawn

11.   (Original)

12.   Withdrawn